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Deadline Set to Register for Federal Disaster Assistance

WOODSTOCK, IL – The last day for McHenry County residents to register for Individual Assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is **Tuesday, July 9th**. County residents affected by the severe storms, straight line winds, or flooding during the period of April 16th to May 5th, 2013 are strongly urged to call or go online to register for disaster assistance from FEMA.

“Registering is an important way to help get affected individuals on the path to recovery. All those who have been affected by the severe weather need to register for disaster assistance with FEMA. If you do not register by the deadline (Tuesday, July 9th), Federal assistance programs WILL NOT be available to you. Even if you have insurance or you think you do not need assistance at this time, this registration is important. There are programs available to fill the gap between now and the time you and your insurance company reach a settlement. If insurance denies or only partially covers your claim and you end up having to rely on just Federal assistance, you still must be registered with FEMA prior to July 9th to be eligible,” stated County Board Chairwoman Tina R. Hill.

Affected residents and business owners have several ways to apply.

- Individuals can call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- and hearing-impaired. If you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.
- Another option is to register online at: www.disasterassistance.gov or via web-enabled phone or tablet at m.fema.gov.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. CST, seven days a week.

McHenry County was one of 25 Illinois counties to receive a federal disaster declaration that offers Individual Assistance to affected County residents.

If you have questions about FEMA assistance, call 1-800-320-FEMA (3362). You can also visit www.disasterassistance.gov or www.fema.gov.

For further flood recovery information, please visit the [McHenry County Flood Recovery Center](http://www.mchenrycountylake.org).

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